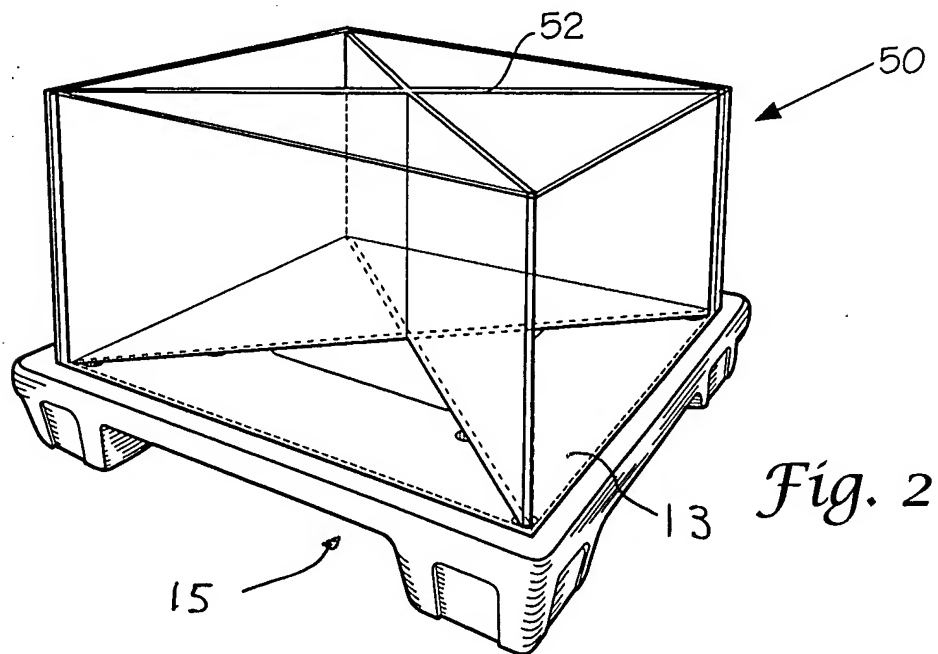
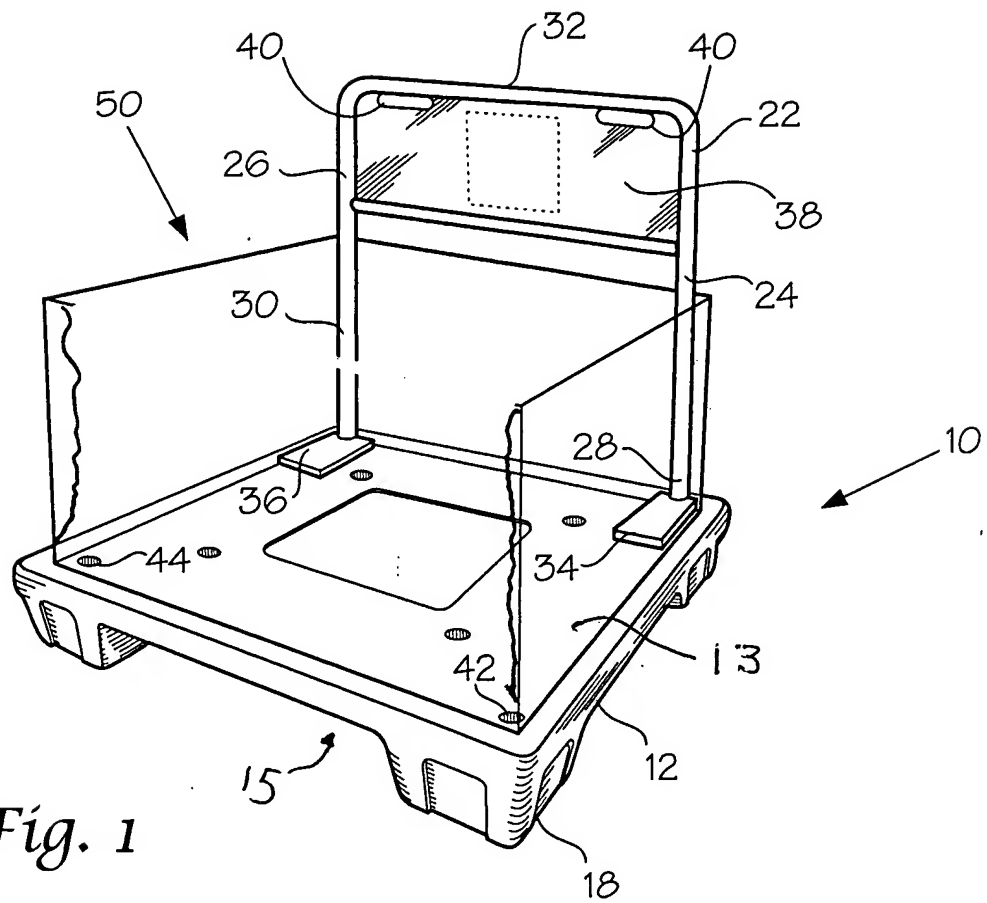


DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Please amend drawing FIGS. 1, 2, 4, and 6 as indicated in red ink on the three (3) marked-up drawing sheets following herein wherein reference numerals 13 and 15 are added as requested. No other changes are made to the drawings. Please enter the five (5) replacement sheets of formal drawings appended at the end of this amendment to replace the original five (5) sheets of drawings.



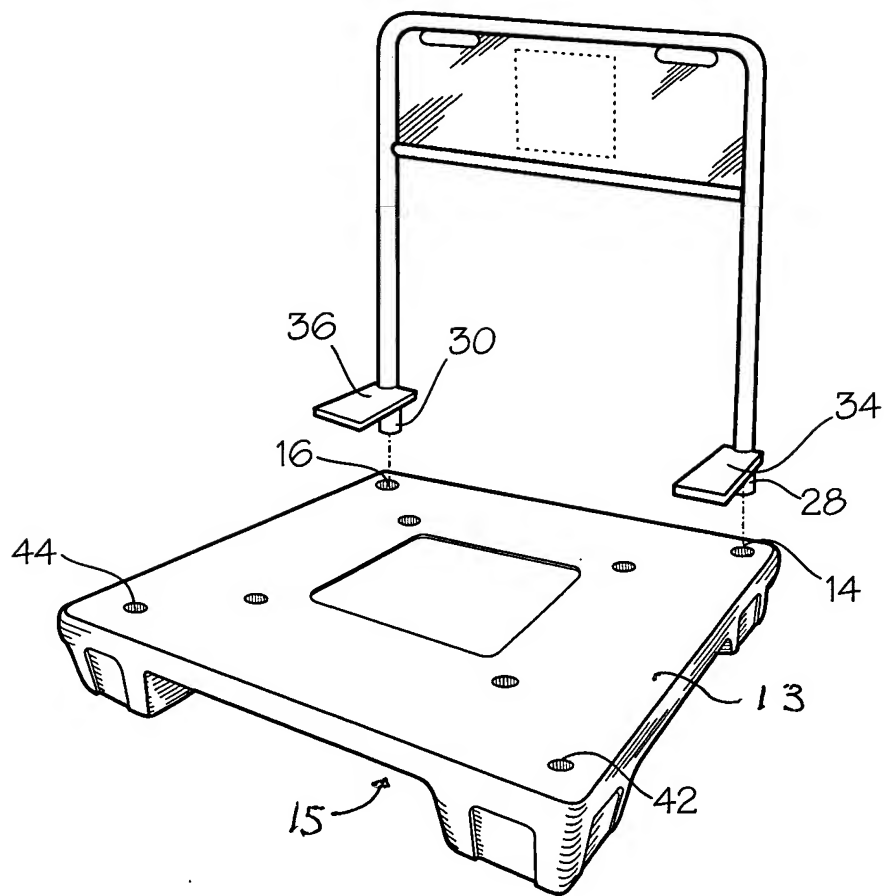


Fig. 4

Fig. 6

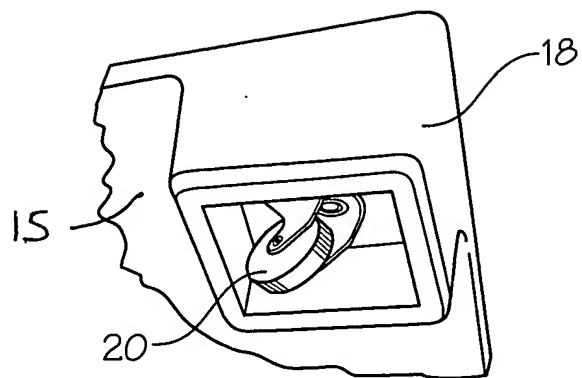
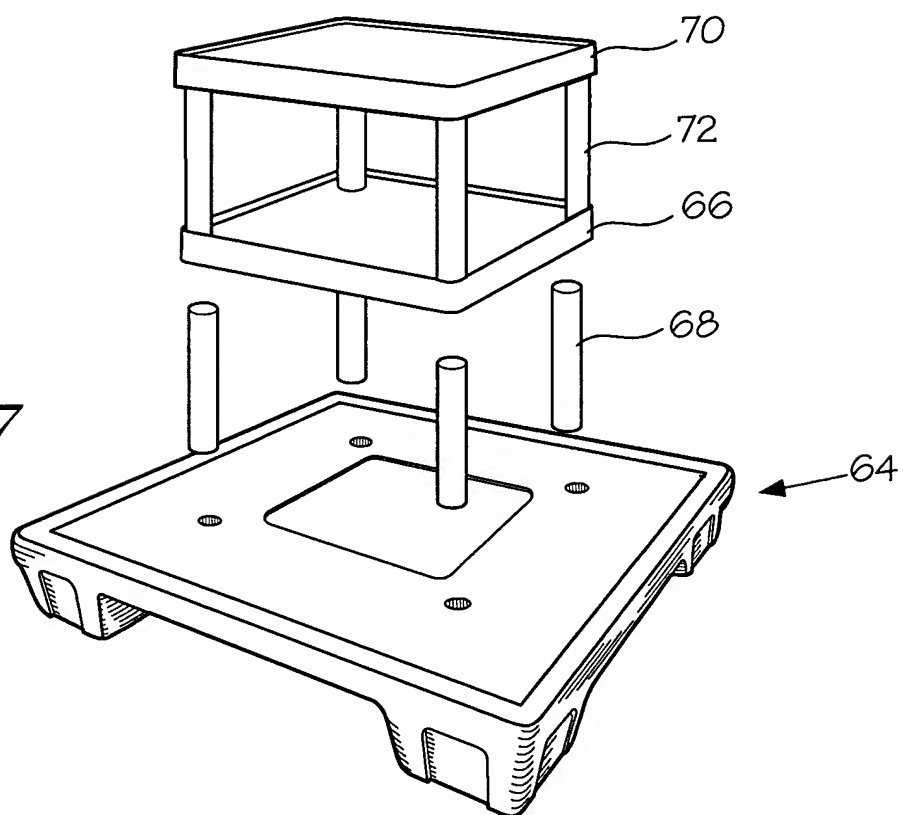


Fig. 7



REMARKS

The Examiner's comments together with the cited references have been carefully studied. Favorable reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR § 1.83(a). The top and bottom surfaces of the pallet recited in the claims lack reference numbers in the drawings. Accordingly, reference numeral 13 has been added to indicate the top surface of the pallet and reference numeral 15 has been added to indicate the bottom surface of the pallet. No new matter has been added. The drawings are now believed to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.83(a).

The drawings were also objected to under 37 CFR § 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include reference numerals 46 and 48 mentioned in the description. Accordingly, reference numerals 46 and 48 have been cancelled from the specification.

The Specification has been amended to add reference numerals 13 and 15 as requested; and to cancel reference numerals 46 and 48 to conform the specification to the drawings.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Weck et al.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicants take the position with respect to claim 1 that Weck et al. do not disclose four hollow legs extending downwardly from the bottom surface of the pallet that define lateral and transverse passageways below the bottom surface adapted to receive lifting forks. Weck et al. do not teach or suggest wheel means generally obscured from view by an associated hollow leg. Claim 3 now requires a bin having a sidewall and a bottom with

two spaced apart downwardly extending protrusions removably inserted in the third and fourth openings of the base member which is not disclosed by Weck et al. In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, the rejection of Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Weck et al. in view of other references.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Weck et al. do not teach or suggest wheel means generally obscured from view by an associated hollow leg, or a bin having a sidewall and a bottom with two spaced apart downwardly extending protrusions removably inserted in the third and fourth openings of the base member. The prior art of record does not teach or suggest the combination of a base member, hollow legs, obscured wheels, handle, flanges, and a shelves recited in the claims.

Applicants have reviewed the prior art made of record and believe that singly, or in any permissible combination, they do not render Applicants' invention as set forth in claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 11 and 12 unpatentable.

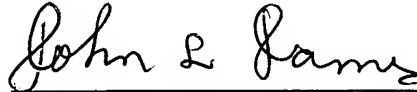
New claim 13 incorporates the subject matter of claims 1, 8 and 10 setting forth a base member, hollow legs, obscured wheels, a handle, handle flanges, and a shelf. The prior art of record does not teach or suggest the combination of elements recited or the element details as required by new claim 13. Claim 13 is believed to be patentable.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12 and 13 are now deemed allowable and such favorable action is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in

condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John L. James". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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